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SUBJECT: INDICTMENT FOR ESPIONAGE AND COMPROMISE OF
DOCUMENTS

REF: 1. STATE 25251 (NOTAL), 2. STATE 25978 (NOTAL),
3. STATE 25233, 4. STATE 25932 (NOTAL)

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1. AS NOTED REF 1, WE HAVE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED 94 STATE
DEPARTMENT TELEGRAMS AND 9 STATE DEPARTMENT AIRGRAMS WHICH
WERE ALLEGEDLY PROVIDED VIETNAMESE BY ACCUSED IN ESPIONAGE
CASE. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S INDICTMENT OF HUMPHREY AND
TRUONG LISTS ONLY SOME OF THESE CABLES. FOUR VIENTIANE
CABLES LISTED AND CITED BY TITLE, DATE AND MESSAGE NUMBER
IN PUBLIC INDICTMENT ARE:

A. CABLE FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY, VIENTIANE, LAOS, TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING "TOUR D'HORIZON WITH FRENCH DIPLOMAT IN VIENTIANE," REFERENCED AS VIENTIANE 433, DATED MARCH 3, 1977, MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL";

B. CABLE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, VIENTIANE, LAOS, TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING "TOUR D'HORIZON WITH FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO SRV AND LPDR," REFERENCED AS "VIENTIANE 530," DATED MARCH 16, 1977, AND MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL";

C. CABLE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, VIENTIANE, LAOS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING "RUSSIAN MILITARY ADVISORS ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE," REFERENCED AS "VIENTIANE 358," DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1977, AND MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL";

D. CABLE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, VIENTIANE, LAOS, TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING "VIETNAMESE TROOPS REPORTED MOVING INTO PHON HONG AREA," REFERENCED AS "VIENTIANE 827," DATED MAY 11, 1977, AND MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL".

2. FOR VIENTIANE: REQUEST YOU INFORM AMBASSADOR FAHMY OF ESPIONAGE INDICTMENT DESCRIBED REFTELS AND FACT THAT ONE CABLE CONTAINING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FAHMY (VIENTIANE 358) CITED IN INDICTMENT IN VIRGINIA COURT.
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YOU MAY REVIEW SUBSTANCE OF CABLE WITH FAHMY AND ASSURE HIM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL DO ITS BEST TO WORK WITH COURT TO ASSURE DOCUMENTS REMAIN AS PROTECTED AS POSSIBLE. AS NOTED REF 1, HOWEVER, THERE REMAINS REAL POSSIBILITY THAT SUBSTANCE, AND EVEN TEXTS, OF SOME OF COMPROMISED DOCUMENTS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM APPROPRIATE FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN VIENTIANE THAT VIENTIANE 433, CITED IN PUBLIC INDICTMENT, REPORTS CONVERSATION WITH "SENIOR FRENCH DIPLOMAT" IN VIENTIANE DRAWING ON GUIDANCE REFTELS. YOU SHOULD TELL FAHMY AND FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL THAT THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRIES WILL BE INFORMED OF COMPROMISE OF DOCUMENTS INVOLVING THEIR COUNTRIES IN GENERAL TERMS.

3. FOR NAIROBI: REFTELS BEING REPEATED TO YOU.
VIENTIANE 530 QUOTES FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM AND LAOS UNTO TANSKHANEN, WHO WAS TO BE POSTED TO NAIROBI. IF TANSKHANEN IS IN NAIROBI, REQUEST YOU INFORM HIM OF ESPIONAGE CASE AND COMPROMISE OF AMERICAN CABLES, ONE OF WHICH SUMMARIZES CONVERSATION HE HAD IN VIENTIANE WITH OUR EMBASSY THERE IN MARCH 1977. YOU MAY ORALLY REVIEW

SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED IN PARA 1 OF VIENTIANE
530. PLEASE ASSURE AMBASSADOR TANSKHANEN US JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT WILL DO ITS BEST TO ENSURE THAT TEXT OF
MESSAGES DOES NOT BECOME PUBLIC DURING COURT CASE,
ALTHOUGH THERE REMAINS REAL POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OR ALL
OF COMPROMISED DOCUMENTS WILL BECOME PUBLIC DURING COURT
CASE. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM TANSKHANEN THAT FINNISH
FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE TOLD OF COMPROMISED DOCUMENT IN
GENERAL TERMS.

4. FOR HELSINKI, PARIS AND CAIRO: AS NOTED REF 2, YOU
MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN
GENERAL TERMS THAT COMPROMISED DOCUMENTS INCLUDE
SUMMARIES OF CONVERSATIONS WITH UNNAMED SENIOR FRENCH
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DIPLOMAT IN VIENTIANE (FOR PARIS), WITH FORMER FINNISH
AMBASSADOR TO SRV AND LPDR (FOR HELSINKI) AND WITH
EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL IN VIENTIANE (FOR CAIRO).
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